

more fertile.

Many horses are produced in Pocahontas County, especially the draft or heavy horse as the hard road and the automobile have caused a decrease in the raising of saddle horses, but the tractor has done much to cut down in the numbers of draft horses on farms over the county.

Several flocks of goats are found throughout the county most of which are used in clearing land, as they are great for eating and peeling small and young growth timber and sprouts.

The principal agricultural products of Pocahontas County are corn, oats wheat, hay, potatoes, apples, peaches, grapes and rye in the approximate order named. At the present time the production of Potatoes is getting considerable consideration as it has been found that farmers of Pocahontas County can produce a quality potatoe equal to the ones shipped in from Maine and other potato producing states of the east, therefore the potato acerage of the county is growing each year and with proper care we have yields of from 400 to 500 bushels of quality potatoes most of which are sold within the state to some of the larger hotels and restaurants, mainly at the Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur Springs and at Covington Va. all bringing market price and greatly in demand as these hotels, as they have a trade that demands the best. Pocahontas county is not a grain county as she does not produce en-

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ough wheat to bread her therefore she has to depend on outside supplies for flour. Today you find Hybrid corn growing in many sections of the county where it use to be impossible in the days of our pioneer ancestors to get any ~~the~~ corn to ripen at all, and this had to be on low land near the river, but today corn ripens in any part of the county. Much of the corn raised in Pocahontas is put in silos for winter feeding. Oats are the principal crop of the mountainous sections of the county where it is rather cool the summer through as they do well in a cool climate, the same as potatoes therefore the Williams River and Cranberry sections are good for potatoes and oats, and have been since the county was first settled.

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One of the sacred duties resting on the living is to preserve mem-

ories of worthy citizens that have gone on before, and they from a rough

wild nurse land, whose crops were men. The Shawnee Indians preceded the pi-

oneers in Pocahontas County with the actual use of hunting grounds, their

warriors were buried by their tribes in many localities of Pocahontas County

these were mounds or Indian graves which are found near Buckeye and on Elk

River then came the pioneers that were buried in a different manner as they

were buried in home made caskets then came the modern funeral director with

the factory built casket and the modern funeral home. One of the first to ha-

ndle caskets was A.R Smith of Hillsboro who is near 90 years old he had the

horse drawn vehickle then there came to Pocahontas County another Smith that

took up the same work his name is Z.S Smith Sr, assisted by his son Clarence

they have an up to date place in Marlinton taking over most of the work in

the county, as A.R Smith was forced to quit on account of advanced age. Walla-

ce & Wallace have a branch at Cass with J.B. Sutton in charge.

Most if not all the caskets used in the mountainous sections of
the county were made by carpenters and cabinet makers namely Washington

Beverage and M. Dorman at Buckeye A.R Smith at Hillsboro and many others th-

roughout the county all this lumber was cut on the old up-and down mills

and the first circular mills that came into the county. Some of our cemet-